

BELLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

News From the Nest

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HIGH SCHOOL HEADLINES

BHS CELEBRATES HOMECOMING 2020!



As with everything else during the past 8 months, Homecoming 2020 was different and not what we had hoped for. Never-the-less, the Golden Eagles had a busy week celebrating homecoming October 13-October 16. Throughout the week, students participated in four spirit days: PJ Day, Monochrome Day, Holiday Day, and Purple and Gold Day. On Friday, though not technically a Homecoming Game, the Golden Eagles routed Chaminade-Julienne 58-0 in the second round of the OHSAA playoffs! The week was highlighted by the crowning of Tyrone Haskins and Avarie Faulkner as Homecoming King and Queen! The Golden Royal Court was made up of students nominated by classes and organizations as positive role models and representatives of the “spirit” of Bellbrook High School and our community. The court was then elected by the entire student body and presented during a special ceremony on Friday afternoon. Thank you to all of the students and staff that worked so hard to make it a great week under unusual circumstances!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Bellbrook Parents,

Our students and staff have been hard at work in the classroom, online, in the gym, and on the field of competition! We are fortunate to have such a well rounded and talented student body. It is unfortunate that opportunities to see them in action have been so limited this fall, but our students are thankful for your support in person and virtually. As we move into the busy holiday season, with all of its distractions, please remind your student(s) to keep their focus on their academics (wherever they are learning) and finish the semester on a strong note. Please take a moment to read this newsletter and see some of the great things our students and staff have been working on! They make us proud everyday!

Stay Healthy!

Dave Hann

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TAILGATE TALKS Superintendent Dr. Cozad will be hosting Tailgate Talks (previously known as Coffee with the Superintendent) as a way to informally meet and chat with residents. We will meet outside in the parking lot in front of Bell Creek Intermediate gym. COVID-19 protocols such as masks and social distancing will be in place. The final date before the November election will be Oct. 27 from 6- 7 PM. For more levy information please see page 2 of this newsletter.

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LEVY INFORMATION

IMPORTANT SCHOOL LEVY ON NOVEMBER 2020 BALLOT

The Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Board of Education voted to put a 5.7-mill continuing operating levy on the November 3, 2020 ballot. The passage of this operating levy will provide a critical lifeline to the district to help fund the district's day-to-day operations, such as staffing, utilities, transportation and supplies. The financial situation of Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools continues to be an extremely critical issue facing our school district. Without additional funding, we simply cannot continue to make reductions without seriously impacting the quality of our students' educational experience and unfortunately, that is where we are right now. Since 2018, and following the failure of the May 2019 and March 2020 ballot issues, the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School District Board of Education has implemented four phases of reductions that total over \$4.8 million and the reduction of over 11% of our staff. See the graphic below to learn more.

Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools

Operating Levy on the November 3 Ballot

B FACTS about ISSUE 21

The district is on the ballot for a 5.7 mill operating levy.

The levy will raise \$3.3 million per year.

An operating levy helps fund the day-to-day operations, such as staffing, utilities, transportation, maintenance, and supplies.

If passed, the levy would cost the district taxpayers \$199.50/year or \$16.63/month per \$100,000 appraised market value.

- ☞ The district has saved \$4.8 million in four phases of budget reductions from 2018 through 2022.
- ☞ Program Cuts for 2020-21:
 - ~ K-5 STEM, K-6 Art, World Languages at BMS, S.T.E.P. Gifted program at BCI
 - ~ BHS busing eliminated, reduced to the 2-mile state minimum at BCI & BMS
 - ~ Increased sports participation fees for BMS to \$200 and BHS to \$300
 - ~ 85 sports, clubs, advisors, or department chair positions (examples include: class advisors for 9th, 10th, 12th grades, Math Pentathlon at BCI & BMS, BHS pep band, all staff department chair positions, BMS play, freshman boys basketball, JV lacrosse teams, and BHS academic team)
- ☞ Teacher and support staff unions, as well as all administrators, are on a complete pay FREEZE, including longevity and step increases, for 2020-2021.
- ☞ All staff took a reduction in insurance benefits starting in 2019-20.
- ☞ 11% REDUCTION (33) in teaching/staff positions since 2018.
- ☞ Per pupil spending is \$530 LESS than similar districts and \$1,121.18 LESS than State Avg.**
- ☞ The district has 17 LESS teachers compared to peer districts.*
- ☞ The district has 7 LESS administrators than similar districts and state average.**
- ☞ School teachers and staff are paid LESS over their careers compared to local peer districts.*
- ☞ 44% of the district buses NEED TO BE REPLACED (12 years or older or over 150,000 miles).*
- ☞ 90% of student and staff computers are in their 4th year of life or older.
- ☞ Facilities expenditures per square foot is 13.5% LESS than peer districts.*
- ☞ Resident tax effort (community's tax burden compared to other districts) is BELOW the state average and local peer average.*
- ☞ Due to the COVID-19 state budget cuts, the district has an additional net LOSS of state revenue of approximately \$1,013,000 from May 2020 through June 2021.

What if the November Levy Passes?

It will provide much needed financial stability for years to come. The Board has agreed to reinstate the following Phase IV reductions during the 2020-21 school year: K-5 STEM & Art, 85 supplementals for sports/clubs/advisors, 2 full-time librarians, BHS busing as soon as we have enough trained drivers, and 6th grade Art for the 2021-2022 school year.

What if the November Levy Does Not Pass?

All of the \$4.8 million in reductions will stay in place and the future of our high-caliber programs and providing a well-rounded student experience will be in serious jeopardy as reducing costs and making reductions will play an increasingly bigger role in decision-making. These cuts and reductions will move our district closer and closer to state minimums regarding electives, programs, class sizes, and busing.

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CLASSROOM AND DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

HEALTH

The Health and PE Department is excited to be back in school this fall! Mrs. Rose and Mr. Jenkins are currently covering the topics of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Illegal drugs in health class. Students use health skills in varying contexts and with multiple topics. Skill areas that are incorporated in the Health classes include how to access valid information, use effective communication skills to enhance health, identify healthy decision-making skills, how to advocate for one's health, and adopting behaviors that contribute to positive health and reducing behaviors that are health risks.

HEALTH and PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students at BHS have a number of new PE courses to choose from this year. Mind and Body Wellness classes participate daily in either Yoga/Meditation or Pilates. Dance class is currently working on choreography for a lyrical routine. Weightlifting classes continue to complete daily workouts in the weight room. PE 1 classes perform daily fitness activities at the track. All PE classes are currently doing fitness testing (for flexibility, muscular strength & endurance, and cardiovascular endurance) as they continue to complete the Ohio Physical Education Standard Assessments.



COMPUTER SCIENCE

The Intro to Computer Science Principles class just completed the first half of our Internet unit. We've learned why the internet was created and we've explored networking hardware and protocols. Over the past two weeks, we were able to include students working from home by using an group-interactive online internet simulator to experiment with packet-switching, and the TCP and IP protocols.

This has been "LOOP WEEK" for the remaining Computer Science classes.

The Intro to Java Programming class got their first look at the syntax and application of for-loops and while-loops. We have discussed similarities and differences between the two and are now working through several lab projects to practice applying them in solving various problems.

AP Computer Science A is using loops to traverse 1-dimensional arrays. We've also been discussing other array-related topics including parallel arrays, physical size, and logical size. Students in the AP CS A course are currently working on labs which require them to use loops in the implementation of a variety of algorithms involving arrays.

The AP Computer Science Principles students are currently working through the Programming unit. This is a "language agnostic" course that focuses more on algorithms than on the implementation of a specific language so each student has been allowed to select their own language of interest. This week, we began working with the implementation of loops in Java, Python, and JavaScript.

The Game Development and Multimedia Programming class is currently in the process of creating original "multi-level, platform-based" games (think Mario Brothers). This week they learned to use loops to simulate gravity as the main character of the game jumps from one platform to another.

The Advanced Game Development group has been working independently for the past 3 weeks on their 3rd full-scale project -- a 1st-person game involving a 3D environment -- and will be presenting the final result today.



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CLASSROOM AND DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

BELLBROOK ONLINE ACADEMY STUDENTS SOARING REMOTELY

This semester, due to COVID 19, approximately 160 BHS students elected to begin the year remotely as a part of the Bellbrook Online Academy. The BOA uses the Edmentum platform and is facilitated by Mrs. Bertke and MSGT Chitwood. BOA students have the opportunity to choose from over fifty courses. Courses include core subjects at both the college prep and advanced levels as well as a variety of elective courses including fashion design, game development, and computer programming. Most importantly, the program provides an alternative for families in these unprecedented times and provides a way to add a layer of safety and security regarding health concerns due to COVID 19.



Mrs. Bertke

The program is an independent and self-paced platform, so students plan and execute a daily schedule to accomplish their course work and also build in breaks from screen time. So far students have done an excellent job of keeping on pace with their courses and they have learned to advocate for themselves by reaching out to their facilitators and content specialists who are BHS teachers that dedicate a duty period each day to help online students by answering questions and explaining lessons. Change is never easy. It was a steep learning curve for everyone at the start, but because of the great attitudes of students, parents, and the entire BOA team, the online academy is beginning to run like a well-oiled engine.

Seniors Be aware of upcoming college application deadlines if you are applying for early action or early decision. You must turn in the transcript request form to your counselor so we know where to send your transcripts. If you are applying on the Common Application you will need to "invite" your counselor as a recommender. See your counselor for any questions you may have about the application process. Some colleges require a counselor recommendation (ex. Miami). If a counselor recommendation is required we need a copy of your brag sheet.

Yearbook Deadlines: A reminder to BHS parents: In order to get a 2020-21 yearbook, you must add the \$70.00 cost of the book to your student's school fees. School fees must be paid by the end of the first semester to secure a year-book. Please contact Ms. Giles at 848-5001 x2103 with any questions.

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COUNSELING DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Mrs. Scohy (A-G) Mr. Hartley (H-O) Ms. Sanderman (P-Z)

Contact Registrar Mrs. Gwen Ralston at extension 2902 for general questions.

Important Dates for 20-21

10/30	Deadline to register for AP tests
11/1	Early Action deadline for University of Dayton, Akron, Case Western, Purdue, Indiana
11/5	Deadline to register for Dec 5 SAT test (register at www.collegeboard.org)
11/6	Deadline to register for Dec 12 ACT test (register at www.actstudent.org)
11/15	Early Action deadline for Ohio State University, OU
12/1	Early Action Deadline for UC, Miami, UK, Wittenberg, Kent State
2/23	State Funded ACT Test for all Juniors at BHS, Community Service/Job Shadow Day for Seniors, PreACT for all 10th graders, 9th graders career/college lesson

AP Test Registration Students are required to log-in to their collegeboard account and join their AP classroom. Each student was provided an AP class join code in the first week of school. Students must go into their AP classroom and denote whether you will be taking the AP test for that class. **Students must also register and pay for their AP tests in Mrs. Scohy's office.** Registration and payment for the AP tests will be open until Oct 30th! The cost is \$95 per test and checks can be made out to Bellbrook-Sugarcreek schools.

PE Waivers

A list of students who earned a PE waiver from Fall sports will be sent to the counseling office from the athletic department. As a reminder, the PE waiver is available to students in grades 9-12 participating in BHS Inter-scholastic Sports, Cheerleading, the Marching Band and JROTC. Students must successfully complete 2 full-seasons in one or more qualifying activities from the same area (ie: cannot mix 1 year of JROTC and 1 season of a sport). Once completed, the two PE waivers will waive the PE graduation requirement. The PE waiver does not count for a credit and is listed as a "P". Students cannot mix a PE class and a PE waiver.

Seniors – beware of upcoming college application deadlines if you are applying for early action or early decision. If you are applying on the common application you will need to "invite" your counselor as a recommender. Some colleges require a counselor recommendation. If a counselor recommendation is required we will need a copy of your brag sheet. If you are applying to schools that are NOT on the common application, please request a transcript using the link on the guidance webpage so we know where to send your transcripts.

Seniors should refer to the College App/Common App Folder in their Google Classroom for videos and information on completing college applications and essays. Additionally, resources are available on the counseling webpage - <https://www.sugarcreek.k12.oh.us/CollegeandCareerCorner.aspx> Counselors are always available to answer questions via email or students can schedule an in-person or virtual meeting.

****NHS peer tutors are available. Email your counselor if your student needs a tutor****

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GOLDEN EAGLE ATHLETICS

FALL SPORTS UPDATE:

Girls Tennis Doubles Advances to State - The doubles team of Maya Brink and Nitika Arora qualified for the state championships. They are the first girls tennis team in school history to compete in the state tournament!

Ryan Wehner Penn Station Athlete of the Month - Ryan has been honored as the Penn Station Athlete of the Month for the entire Miami Valley for the month of November.

Golf Team - Finished second in the SWBL and second in Districts

Boys Soccer - Defeated Franklin and Ross in the first two rounds and plays Monroe on Monday.

Girls Soccer - Defeated Farimont in the first round and will play at Sidney on Saturday.

Boys XC & Takumi Ford SWBL Champs - Takumi Ford (individual title) and the team are Back to Back SWBL Champs!

Boys & Girls XC Teams - Compete in the district meet at Cedarville University on Saturday.

Volleyball SWBL Champs - Completed an undefeated SWBL season. They have won the league six of the past seven seasons. They defeated Tecumseh in the first round and play Fairmont on Saturday.

Football Undefeated SWBL Champs & #1 seed in Region 12 - They earned home-field advantage through the regional final on November 6. All home varsity games will be streamed on the Miami Valley South Stadium YouTube Channel.

Winter Preview Basketball, Wrestling, Competition Cheer & Swim/Dive are all scheduled to start on time in the coming weeks. We expect to have the same spectator limitations (parents/families only) for the winter that we had for the fall. We will have a few streaming options again. Check out the streaming page on our [website](#).



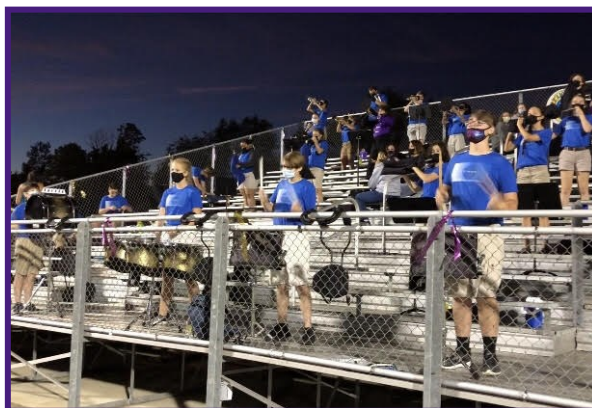
MUSIC DEPARTMENT NOTES

The High School Music Department has had an enjoyable and eventful fall - the band has played on, even through a pandemic. Thanks to the efforts of a lot of people, we are able to play every day in band class, and the marching band has also been up and running. The Marching Eagles have spent their fall learning the beginning of what was to be their 2020 competitive show "Out of the Blue" and were able to perform the show at home football games, where they have enjoyed being a pep band for the football team. The band capped off their season with a command performance for our friends and families, as well as a live stream performance for three well-known Bands of America adjudicators who critiqued their performance through a virtual meeting.

The concert bands are hard at work getting ready for a live stream performance on Wednesday, December 9. Details will follow on how to watch this performance!

The choir has begun singing as well, using all the recommended safety protocols for live singing. Stay posted for more information on a choir performance!

Both the Indoor Percussion Ensemble and the Winter Color Guard are planning full seasons for 2020-2021! While some of their events have already been cancelled by the event sponsors and hosts, there are a lot of virtual opportunities for these groups as well. Students and staff are looking forward to a great winter!



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STAFF AND STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



STUDENT OF THE MONTH: LUKE ALBERY

Teachers describe Luke as kind and friendly. He always has a smile on his face. He is kind and respectful, the kind kid who will hold open the door for you or ask if you need help carrying your supplies. He comes to class ready to learn and works hard all the time. Luke is a great example for others!

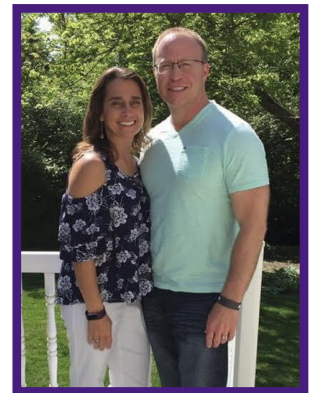
STUDENT OF THE MONTH: ELIZABETH MUMPER

Elizabeth's teachers describe as a joy to have in class. In addition to being friendly and outgoing, she has a great sense of humor. She's always willing to help out a friend, whether it's cheering them up or assisting them with an assignment. She is a hardworking and conscientious student who constantly strives to do her best.



BHS STAFF SPOTLIGHT: MR. HARTLEY

- How long have you worked at BHS?** This is my 18th year at BHS
- What is your favorite thing about working at Bellbrook High School?** The people and students I work with! I am blessed to work in a place and be in a profession that I love!
- What advice do you have for BHS Students?**
- Be kind to yourself mentally, emotionally, and physically.
 - Be kind to everyone.
 - You are more than enough with the gifts and talents you have.
 - No matter if you win or lose or get an "A" or "C", if you can look yourself in the mirror and know that you did your best...you've won.
 - Don't fear failure...it is part of your journey...learn from it and grow from it.
 - You are loved and cared for.
 - Never give up!



Mr. Hartley
Counselor H-O

ABOVE AND BEYOND



Bellbrook High School
Thank you for going
ABOVE and BEYOND!

Scratch off to reveal
YOUR PRIZE



ABOVE-BEYOND-TOGETHER

This school year, Bellbrook students that exhibit actions and or behaviors that go “above and beyond “ expectations may be given an “ABOVE and BEYOND “card by BHS staff. Students can scratch off the card revealing if they win a prize. Winning cards can be redeemed in the office. Non-winning cards can be turned into the office and entered into a monthly “second-chance” drawing for a prize. Many local business and our PTO have donated gift cards and merchandise to be used as rewards for our students. If you, or your business, would like to donate gift

cards or merchandise to this program please contact Mr. Hann at david.hann@bss.k12.oh.us.

The following students were recognized by BHS staff for going “ABOVE and BEYOND” during the 1st quarter:

**** Winner of Second Chance Drawing**

Josh Keifer	Rylan Carper	Jordan Meadows
Caroline Hunt	Elizabeth Mumper	Andrew Hahn
Addy Alexander	Adeeb Barri	Cary Phillipson
Nelly Milan Villarreal	Dominik Bizzarro	Jonathan Pryor**
Grace Crane	Rylee Gregory	Justin Paul
Angel DeUzeta**	Carson Labensky	Jared Schaaf
Luke Smallwood	Chase Williams	Allison Ashurst
Lorelai Wolverton	Grace Heckler	Brendon Luhn
Taylor Lopez		

BHS MEDIA CENTER



BHS students are welcome to come to the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays with a pass to study, read or quietly relax. Mrs. Sumner is available to assist students. The media center houses a variety of fiction and non-fiction books, research materials, and popular magazines. It even has chess and checkers! Just ask at the desk! Check out available books and resources at: <http://sirsi.mveca.org/opac/SC/SCHS/>

Overdue book notices are generated automatically. Please check your “spam folders” for overdue book notices.

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UPCOMING EVENTS		IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS	
NOVEMBER 3	ELECTION DAY	Bellbrook High School	848-3737
NOVEMBER 11	NO SCHOOL: TEACHER PD	Principal	
NOVEMBER 23-27	FALL BREAK	David Hann	x2999
DECEMBER 15-18	BHS SEMESTER EXAMS	Assistant Principals	
DECEMBER 19- JANUARY 3	WINTER BREAK	Nikki LaSota	x2921
JANUARY 13	2HR DELAY: TEACHER PD	Todd Whalen	x2922
JANUARY 18	NO SCHOOL: MLK JR DAY	Secretaries	
		Robin Cordonnier	x2901
		Lee Gregory	x2903
		Counseling Department	
		Khris Scohy	x2911
		Andy Hartley	x2912
		Debra Sanderman	x2913
		Gwen Ralston (Reg)	x2902
		Athletic Director	
		Charlie O'Dell.....	x2512
		Tamara Cary (Sec.)	x2904

2020-2021 ACT DATES		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	<i>(Late Fee Required)</i>
December 12, 2020	November 6, 2020	November 7-20, 2020
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 9-15, 2021
February 23, 2021* All Juniors	State Sponsored	
April 17, 2021	March 12 2021	Mar 13--Mar 26, 2021
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 8-21, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	June 19-25, 2021

2020-2021 SAT DATES		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	<i>(Late Fee required)</i>
November 7, 2020	October 7, 2020	October 20, 2020
December 5 2020	November 5, 2020	November 24, 2020
March 13, 2021	February 12, 2021	March 2, 2021
May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021	April 27, 2021
June 5, 2021	May 6, 2021	May 26, 2021

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GOLDEN EAGLES IN ACTION

